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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF US DELEGATION TO MOSCOW OPENING OF
METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT

REF: A. STATE 162530; B. MOSCOW 10234

1. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM MINCULT THAT US DELEGATION TO MOSCOW OPENING OF METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT (NOW DELAYED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 28) WILL CONSIST OF TWO MEMBERS, LEONARD MARKS, CHAIRMAN US ADVISORY COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, AND WILLIAM F. SMITH, COMMISSION MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF REGENTS UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN EXHIBIT OPENING DATE, DEL WILL POSTPONE ENTIRE USSR VISIT BY ONE WEEK AND ARRIVE LENINGRAD FROM WARSAW AUGUST 23 (COMPLETE ITINERARY FOLLOWS SEPTTEL). MARKS HAS ADVISED AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN OF HIS PROPOSED VISIT.

2. DEL HAS REVIEWED SCHEDULE PROPOSED REFTTEL B AND CONSIDERS
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IT EXCELLENT. SUGGEST IT BE USED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS

WITH MINCULT, WHICH WE ASSUME WILL ACT AS OFFICIAL HOSTS
AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL PROGRAMMING. THIS CONNEC-
TION, WE ASSUME THAT SOVIETS, AS HOST FOR DELEGATION (WHICH
IS PART OF TWO-STAGE RETURN VISIT FOR DEPCULTMIN POPOV'S
VISIT HERE) WILL MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND DEFRAID INTERNAL
EXPENSES FOR DEL. WIVES WILL ACCOMPANY AT
OWN EXPENSE. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, SHOULD MAKE RESERVATIONS
FOR COMMISSION STAFF MEMBER WILLIAM WELD WHOSE INTERNAL
EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY USG. KISSINGER

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